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**J. Scott Hacker**

Magistrate Judge

Began Service: October 17, 2008

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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**Ronald G. Morgan**

Magistrate Judge

Began Service: May 2009

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas**

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Number of Judgeships: 6

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**Marvin Isgur**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Houston BA; Stanford MBA; Houston JD  
Began Service: June 1, 2009

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**Jeffery Bohm**

Bankruptcy Judge

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**Karen Kennedy Brown**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947

Education: Pennsylvania 1970 BA; Houston 1973 JD

Began Service: April 2, 1990

Term Expires: April 2018

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John Brown (1973-1975); Law Clerk The Honorable Woodrow Seals (1975-1976)

**Government:** Assistant Federal Public Defender, State of Texas (1976-1982)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1984-1990); Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1982-1984)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Houston Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Texas

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**Letitia Z. Paul**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945

Education: Rice 1967 BA; Rutgers 1970 MA; Syracuse 1973 JD

Began Service: 1985

Term Expires: 2013

**Government:** Attorney, State of Texas (1974-1976); Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Texas, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1982-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1976-1982)

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**Richard S. Schmidt**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948

Education: New Mexico State 1970 BS; Texas 1973 JD

Began Service: July 31, 1987

Term Expires: July 30, 2015

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Smitherman, Lunn, Chastain & Hill (1978)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1973-1978); United States Air Force Reserve (1978-2005)

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**Wesley W. Steen**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946

Education: LSU 1974 JD

Began Service: September 26, 1997

Term Expires: September 25, 2011

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana (1983-1987)

**Legal Practice:** Sanders, Downing, Kean & Cazdessus (1974-1980); Wesley W. Steen, A Professional Law Corporation (1980-1983); Steen, Rubin, Curry, Colvin & Joseph (1983-1984); Winstead, Sechrest & Minick, P.C. (1988-1997)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1968-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; College of the State Bar of Texas; Louisiana State Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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Term Expires: 2012  
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Number of Judgeships: 12

Number of Vacancies: 1

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**Walter S. Smith, Jr.**

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940

Education: Baylor 1964 BA, 1966 JD

Began Service: October 6, 1984

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court (1980-1983); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1983-1984)

**Legal Practice:** Dunnam & Dunnam (1966-1969); Wallace & Smith (1969-1978); Haley, Fulbright (1978-1980)

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